

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
MARGARET KYLE HOPKINS  
JUNE 30, 1931 – FEBRUARY 12, 2024



FEBRUARY 23, 2024  
11:00 A.M.  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
680 CALDER  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Opening Hymn 376**

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

*Hymn to Joy*

*The Celebrant says*

I am the Resurrection and I am the Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord’s possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Margaret. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (25:6-9)**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
                  from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, \*  
                  the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved \*  
                  and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
                  shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
                  the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
                  nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
                  it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
                  your coming in, \*  
                  from this time forth for evermore.

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-17)**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

    I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

    and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

    and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

    for you are with me;

    your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those

    who trouble me; \*

    you have anointed my head with oil,

    and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days

    of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**The Gospel** *(The people stand.)*

*A Deacon or Priest says*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

The Reverend Joy Walker Miller

Hymn 473

“Lift high the cross”

*Crucifer*

**The Apostles’ Creed** *(Please stand.)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers** (*Remain standing.*)

For our sister Margaret, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the Resurrection and I am the Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Margaret, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend, comfort us in our sorrow.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

*Hear us, Lord.*

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Father of all, we pray to you for Margaret, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**The Commendation** *(please stand)*

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
*People* where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*The celebrant continues*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant and people*

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*Celebrant*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Margaret. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 562 (1, 4 & 5)**                      “Onward Christian Soldiers”                      *St. Gertrude*

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude**

**The Committal**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Margaret, and we commit *her* body to its resting place; \*earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *her* and keep *her*, the Lord make his face to shine upon *her* and be gracious to *her*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *her* and give *her* peace. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Remember your servant, O Lord, according to the favor which You give unto your people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, *she* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord:

*People:* May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*





***Margaret Kyle Hopkins***, age 92 of Seguin, Texas formerly of Beaumont, Texas passed away on February 12, 2024.

Margaret, also known as “Meg” and “Mom” was born in Beaumont, Texas June 30, 1931, to Jules and Brudge Kyle. She attended Mary Baldwin Women’s College for 1 year and then the University of Texas for 3 years where she was a Phi Beta Pi and studied language arts. While at the University of Texas, she met the love of her life, Wallace Kimbrough Hopkins (Wally).

Margaret married Wally on February 2, 1952, at St. Marks Episcopal Church in Beaumont, Texas. Soon after their wedding, they moved to El Centro California where they lived in a Quonset hut for 3 years while Wally served in the Navy. This is where they had their firstborn child, Pam. Many memories were shared about the Quonset hut time of their lives and how happy they were making the best of their time together. Margaret and Wally then moved to Beaumont, Texas where they welcomed their second and third-born children, Brudge and Kim, and spent the remainder of their married life together until Wally died in 2002. Margaret then moved to Seguin to be closer to family.

Margaret enjoyed being a member of the Beaumont Jr. League, Magnolia Garden Club, and served on the Garden Committee at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church where she loved beautifying the church grounds. Margaret and Wally raised their 3 children in the Episcopal Church and supported each of them throughout life by encouraging them and attending activities, school events, weddings, births, and child-raising support.

Margaret loved to travel, spend time in the kitchen, and gardening, and reading countless books. She traveled the world with Wally, her family, and friends creating countless special moments in all our lives. Margaret also loved to play tennis and had a great circle of tennis friends she played with weekly, including some of her and Wally's best friends the Coffins and Dishman's.

Margaret and Wally loved to spend weekends at Lakeway where they spent many summers water skiing on Lake Travis, playing tennis, and attending Longhorn football games with their children and grandchildren. When they were not at Lakeway, they enjoyed spending many summers in Breckenridge, Colorado with friends and family watching hummingbirds, playing tennis, and enjoying the cool Colorado air.

She spent much time with her family at El Paraiso Ranch in Bandera, Texas where she hosted the family and many generations of friends with her amazing recipes, keeping the hummingbird feeders filled, feeding deer, and threw out thousands upon thousands of bluebonnet seeds. Though this bluebonnet effort was somewhat unsuccessful, she continued her efforts.

Margaret's passion, vigor, and overall sunny disposition throughout her life brought joy to all those surrounding her. Her generosity, graciousness, kindness, and willingness to adventure set examples for many to follow.

She was never a quitter and lived a life of positivity, always making the most of any situation. Most recently, slowed by an aging body, she never complained, but instead continued to use her life doing things she loved. With the help of caregivers, she never stopped making gumbo, crawfish etouffee, baking rounds of cookies, and cakes, planting new flowers, and

preparing her garden. She had already begun to prepare for this year's tomato crop with new plants in the dirt. She compiled a cookbook in 2023 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> cookbook near completion.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Jules and Brudge Kyle, her husband Wallace Kimbrough Hopkins, her daughter Pam Hopkins Lock, her sister, Mary Kyle, sister-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Hill, brother-in-law George Hopkins. She is survived by her son, Brudge Kyle Hopkins, daughter, Kim Hopkins Mueller and her husband Bernie, her sister-in-law, Jane Hopkins and her 5 grandchildren who she loved dearly, Julie Lock Lambert, her husband Peter, Christy Lock Sutton, her husband Andrew, Brian John Lock, Amber Mueller Wendt, her husband Michael, Kyle Joseph Mueller and his wife Alyssa. Lastly, Margaret is survived by 5 great-grandchildren whom she adored, Henry and Clyde Lambert, Madison Sutton, Margaret, and Eleanor Wendt.

The family wishes to express our thanks to the wonderful caregivers, healthcare providers, and other individuals who have helped her continue to live life joyfully: Kimberly, Stacy, Rachael, Ingrid, Regina, Victoria, Gloria, Adrian, Josephine, Chon, and Manuel. We also want to thank Dr. Thomas Raetzsch and his staff for their care and love.

Though our hearts are deeply saddened that our Meg and precious Mother is no longer with us, we can't help but celebrate that she is now in a heavenly place with her love Wally.

**Reception**

870 19th Street  
Beaumont, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

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